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	<p>Flu Shot Reminder</p> <p>As a respected source of health care information, patients trust their doctors' recommendations. If you have Medicare patients who haven't yet received their flu shot, help protect them by recommending an annual influenza and a one time pneumococcal vaccination. Medicare provides coverage for flu and pneumococcal vaccines and their administration. – And don't forget to immunize yourself and your staff. Protect yourself, your patients, and your family and friends. Get Your Flu Shot. Remember - Influenza vaccination <u>is</u> a covered Part B benefit. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. For more information about Medicare's coverage of adult immunizations and educational resources, go to CMS's website: http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0667.pdf.</p>
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Announcement of Medicare Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) Payment Rate Increases

Provider Types Affected

Providers submitting claims to Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) and/or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 5435 which provides instructions for the calendar year (CY) 2007 Payment Rate Increases for RHC and FQHC services. The RHC upper payment limit increase per visit is \$74.29 and reflects a CY 2007 rate increase of 2.1 percent. The FQHC upper payment limits per visit also reflects a CY 2007 rate increase of 2.1 percent for urban (\$115.33) and rural (\$99.17) areas.

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Background

The following provides instructions for the CY2007 Payment Rate Increases for RHC and FQHC services.

RHCs:

The RHC upper payment limit per visit **is increased**

- From \$72.76 to **\$74.29** effective January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007 (i.e., CY 2007).

The 2007 rate reflects a **2.1 percent increase** over the 2006 payment limit in accordance with the rate of increase in the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) as authorized by the Social Security Act (§1833(f);

http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title18/1833.htm).

FQHCs:

The FQHC upper payment limit per visit for **urban FQHCs** is increased:

- From \$112.96 to **\$115.33** effective January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007 (i.e., CY 2007).

The maximum Medicare payment limit per visit for **rural FQHCs** is increased:

- From \$97.13 to **\$99.17** effective January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007 (i.e. CY 2007).

The 2007 FQHC rates reflect a **2.1 percent increase** over the 2006 rates, in accordance with the rate of increase in the MEI.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR5435, issued to your FI and A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1126Cp.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your FI or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found on the CMS website at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip>.

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